

REMARKS

In the application claims 1-18 remain pending. Claims 1-16 have been allowed while claims 17 and 18 presently stand rejected.

Claim 7 has been amended only for the purpose of ensuring proper antecedent bases throughout the claim.

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended only to incorporate the subject matter of previously presented, dependent claims 13-16.

Since no new subject matter has been introduced into the claims as amended, i.e., no new search would be required, and since it is believed that, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116(b), the amendments will place the application either in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the amendment to the claims be entered into the record of the subject application.

Previously presented claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Aria (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,852). The reconsideration of this rejection is, however, respectfully requested in light of the incorporation into claims 17 and 18 of the subject matter set forth in previously filed claims 13-16.

Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that Aria fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a dockable remote controller having a set of user interface control elements wherein the set of user interface control elements correspond to functions of the device that are triggered exclusively by the set of user interface control elements of the remote controller. In contrast to the claimed remote controller, it is evident that the user interface control elements (37) of the Aria remote controller mirror the user interface control elements (20) of the VTR/Camera and, as such, the user interface control elements of the remote controller clearly do not *exclusively* control corresponding functions of the device. That the user interface control elements (37) of the

remote controller of Aria do not *exclusively* control corresponding functions of the VTR/Camera is further evidenced by the fact that the user interface control elements (37) of the remote controller of Aria are inaccessible when the remote controller is docked with the VTR/Camera, i.e., the set of user interface elements is positioned against the face of the VTR/Camera. It is for the very reason that the VTR/Camera of Aria would be inoperable during times when the remote controller is docked with the VTR/Camera that the system of Aria *requires* that the VTR/Camera also carry a set of user interface elements for controlling corresponding functions of the VTR/Camera.

Thus, for the reason that Aria cannot be said to anticipate or render obvious the invention set forth in claims 17 and 18, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims must be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

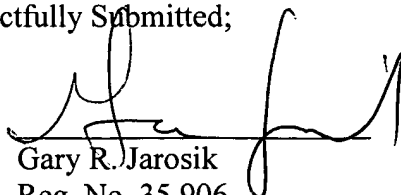
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. Such action of the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should it be determined, however, that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the attorney undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit overpayment to deposit account 50-2428 in the name of Greenberg Traurig.

Respectfully Submitted;

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